

REGULAR MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL
June 27, 2011

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the regular meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Audrey P. Beck Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Schaefer, Shapiro

Excused: Kochenburger, Ryan

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2011 meeting as corrected. Motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Paterson who abstained.

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Anthony and Katherine Kotula, 135 Maple Road distributed updated photographs of the .15 acre parcel of land on Maple Road he would like to purchase from the Town for agriculture purposes. (Materials attached)

Charles A. Boster, Glen Ridge voiced his concern on the specifics regarding the Nuisance Ordinance for noise control. He believes the ordinance is deficient in how decibels are measured and would like the Council to consider guidelines outlined in an Ordinance from the Town of Newton. (See attached)

Ric Hossick, Middle Turnpike questioned whether it was standard operating procedure for Windham ambulances to use the Town's garage for fueling of its vehicles. He also asked for a response to a previous request regarding commendations for emergency personnel.

IV. REPORT OF TOWN MANAGER

In addition to his submitted report the Town Manager referenced the following:
Property at 76 Fern Road was not made in compliance, a contractor was hired to secure the site and a lien was applied to the property.

Mr. Hart expressed his gratitude to Denise Keane and Ethel Mantzaris for his visit to several human services sites and for the important work they are doing within the community.

Mr. Hart attended a climate change seminar held at Manchester Community College on June 20th. The emphasis was on how municipal internships for cities and towns can help implement sustainability programs.

In response to a previous question regarding fueling at the garage, Mr. Hart explained that the Town has an agreement with Windham Hospital under the Regional Paramedic Program that allows the purchase of fuel for their vehicles at the Town garage.

In reply to recognizing other emergency personnel responders it was Mr. Hart's understanding that the matter would be handled on a departmental level, he will inquire further.

V. REPORTS AND COMMENTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Paterson commended Mike Savino from The Chronicle on his fair and balanced reporting of town meetings and wished him luck in future endeavors.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Water and Wastewater Issues

Mr. Hart reported that the DPH has rejected Phase 1 of the revised application for the new wells #6, 7 & 8 due to the location of the proposed wells and the higher likelihood of intercepting the plume of contaminated groundwater from the UConn landfill. The state has previously approved wells #1, 2, 3 & 4 which remain available to the developer.

Mr. Hart presented an update on the UConn Water and Wastewater Advisory Committee meeting held on June 16th. Projects discussed included: the University's submission of a new water supply plan to the DPH; relocating the existing Fenton well A; authorization of the use of Fenton well B during periods of draught; the Town and University have jointly commissioned an environmental impact evaluation under the CEPA process; a Scoping meeting is scheduled for June 28th at the Student Union; the Willimantic Well Field Water Treatment Facility is expected to be completed next month; the University has a pipe replacement project underway for the Willimantic Well Field; and the Reclaimed Water Project has broken ground.

2. An Ordinance to Prevent Neighborhood Nuisances

Ms. Keane moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded, effective June 27, 2011, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on July 11, 2011, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed Ordinance to Prevent Neighborhood Nuisances.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

3. Proposed Proclamation Designating the Month of July as National Park and Recreation Month in the Town of Mansfield

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective June 27, 2011, to authorize the Mayor to issue the attached proclamation designating the Month of July as National Park and Recreation Month.

Motion passed unanimously

4. Revised Charge to Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee

Mr. Shapiro moved and Ms. Keane seconded, effective June 27, 2011, to approve the proposed revisions to the charge of the Mansfield Parks Advisory Committee, as endorsed by the Committee on Committees.

Motion passed unanimously.

5. Transfer of Uncollected Taxes to Property Tax Suspense Book

Ms. Moran moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded, effective June 27, 2011, to transfer \$96,981.90 in uncollected property taxes to the Mansfield Property Suspense Book, as recommended by the Collector of Revenue.

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Purchase of Town-Owned Property on Maple Road

Mr. Schaefer moved and Ms. Keane seconded, effective June 27, 2011, to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 p.m. at the Town Council's regular meeting on July 25, 2011, to solicit public comment regarding the proposed sale of town-owned property on Maple Road.

Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Keane requested information on the location of the electric car charging station. Mr. Hart reported that the station will be located in the parking lot of the Town Hall campus and that a report will be provided.

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Mr. Shapiro moved to reappoint Isabelle Atwood, Barry Burnham, Rudy Favretti and Winston Hawkins to the Cemetery Committee. These appointments will expire on July 1, 2013

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved to appoint Meredith Poehlitz to the Agriculture Committee. Ms. Poehlitz will be replacing Mr. Palmer and her appointment will expire on June 27, 2013. Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the appointments of Ellen Tulman, Janice Boltseridge and Yujin Kim to the Mansfield Advocates for Children Committee. A concern was that two of the nominees are not currently Mansfield residents. It was suggested that the Committee on Committees review the bylaws of the charge for the Mansfield Advocates for Children and return to the Council for the proposed appointments.

Mr. Shapiro moved to appoint William Lennon to the 4 Corners Water/Sewer Advisory Committee. Mr. Lennon will be replacing Mr. Nesbitt . Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Shapiro moved to appoint James Raynor and John DeWolf to the Board of Ethics. Mr. Raynor will be replacing Mr. Sikoski with a term ending on June 30, 2013 and Mr. Dewolf will be replacing Mr. Ferraro with a term ending on June 30, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Moran reported that a draft of the Ethics Ordinance will be available to the Council at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Moran reviewed the timeline for the Town Manager's Performance Review Process.

Ms. Moran also reported that the Personnel Committee is reviewing the Human Resources Administration Ordinance.

X. PETITIONS, REQUEST AND COMMUNICATIONS

7. C. Vincente re: USTA Grant
8. Housing Authority of the Town of Mansfield re: "Gate Policy" at Wright's Village
9. Small Town Economic Assistance Grant (STEAP) Applications
10. CCM Adopted State Budget FY 2012- FY2013: Impacts on Towns and Cities
11. CCM Legislative Update of Key Bills
12. CCM Mandates Report
13. Community Energy re: Renewable Energy Certificate

Mr. Hart thanked Curt Vincente and Bette Stearns for their good work in acquiring a grant from the United States Tennis Association.

Ms. Keane had questions regarding the new task force study for the distribution of state funds to municipalities. Mr. Hart will provide a list of the members to the task force.

Ms. Lindsey questioned the overtime costs associated with the Resident State Trooper Program. Ms. Trahan, Director of Finance will verify that 100% of overtime costs were calculated into the adopted budget.

XI. FUTURE AGENDAS

No additions were offered.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Shapiro seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Christine Hawthorne, Assistant Town Clerk